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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In regard to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers, mailed 02/20/2001, in
the above-noted application, applicants preliminarily amend it as follows:

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IN THE DRAWINGS:

Kindly substitute corrected formal drawings Figs. 1-6C (7 sheets) for the originally filed informal drawings. The formal drawings are attached in a Separate Letter to the Draftsman and contain Fig. 1- Fig. 6C (7 sheets) as well as corrections to defects noted in the above noted Notice; a copy of which is attached to assist the Examiner.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Replace the paragraph on Page 8, lines 4-5 with the following:

Figs. 6A-C illustrate a flow chart of an exemplary process implementing a player according to an exemplary embodiment of the invention.

Replace the paragraph on Page 14, line 28 and bridging Page 15, line 9 as follows:

Figs. 6A-C illustrate a flow chart of an exemplary process implementing a player according to an exemplary embodiment of the invention. The process begins at 601. In block 602, the mode is set to play, indicating the beginning of the playing process. In block 603, all segments status is set to planned, and alternate segments status is set to hidden. In block 604, a timer is started. In block 605, the time available, which may take into account the elapsed time of the timer from block 604, is retrieved in any of the ways provided, e.g., user input, other programmatic input, etc., and in block 606, if the mode is set to play, then flow proceeds to block 607 to plan which segments to play (the planning process was just described and is illustrated in Fig. 5). In block 608, the next planned segment is selected, and then flow proceeds to decision block 618 to check if there are any more segments.



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REMARKS

Entry of the above amendments and acceptance of the corrected formal drawings are respectfully requested.

These amendments to the specification are not substantive in nature, but rather are directed merely to formal matters that can be easily ascertained by a cursory inspection of them in context of the drawings. The amendments conform the specification to the corrected formal drawings which are being submitted herewith in a separate Letter to the Draftsman. In particular, the specification has been amended to correctly conform it to the Figure numbers as they now appear in the corrected formal drawings. In complying to the request for corrected drawings as stated in the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers and the existing Rules of Practice, the required drawing changes necessitated an increase in the number of formal sheets. The changes to the specification merely reflect this fact and the corresponding changes in Figure numbering to accomplish the noted changes.

An addendum is attached hereto with the foregoing amendments to the specification in an underlined and bracketed version.

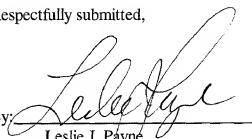
Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the above amendments be entered and that the formal drawings be accepted. The present application is otherwise in condition of allowance.

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The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned to discuss any unresolved outstanding issues.

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Version With Markings to Show Changes Made

Replace the paragraph on Page 8, lines 4-5 with the following:

[Fig. 6] Figs. 6A-C illustrate[s] a flow chart of an exemplary process implementing a player according to an exemplary embodiment of the invention.

Replace the paragraph on Page 14, line 28 and bridging Page 15, line 9 as follows:

[Fig. 6] Figs. 6A-C illustrate[s] a flow chart of an exemplary process implementing a player according to an exemplary embodiment of the invention. The process begins at 601. In block 602, the mode is set to play, indicating the beginning of the playing process. In block 603, all segments status is set to planned, and alternate segments status is set to hidden. In block 604, a timer is started. In block 605, the time available, which may take into account the elapsed time of the timer from block 604, is retrieved in any of the ways provided, e.g., user input, other programmatic input, etc., and in block 606, if the mode is set to play, then flow proceeds to block 607 to plan which segments to play (the planning process was just described and is illustrated in Fig. 5). In block 608, the next planned segment is selected, and then flow proceeds to decision block 618 to check if there are any more segments.

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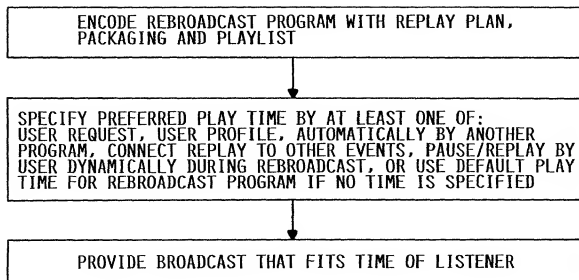


FIG. 1

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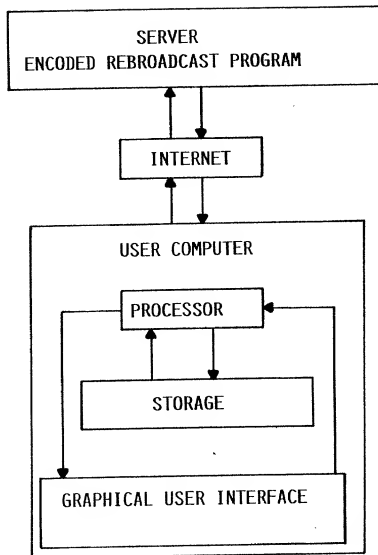


FIG. 2

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FIG. 3

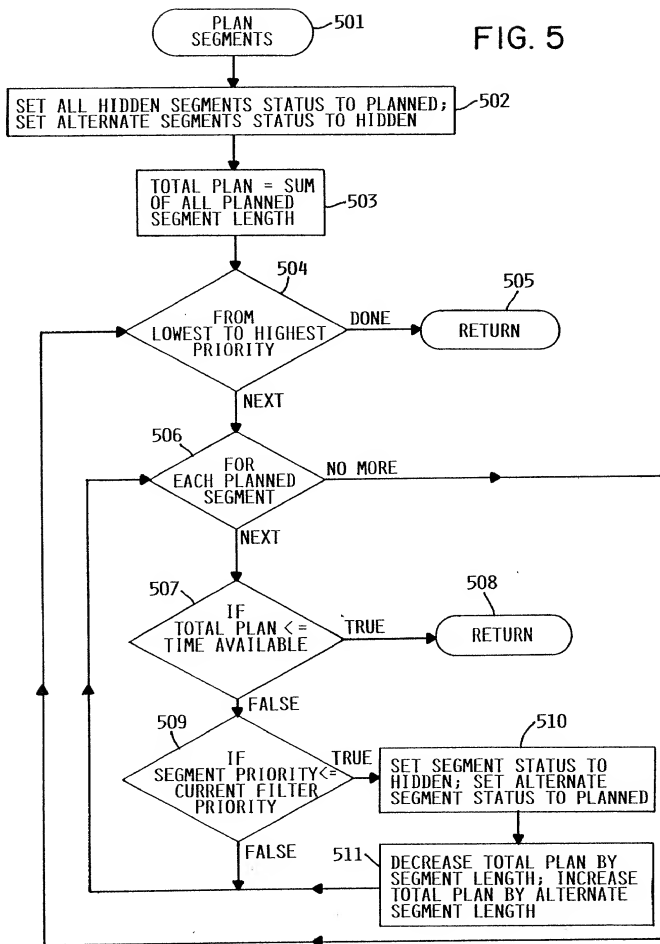
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FIG. 4

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FIG. 5



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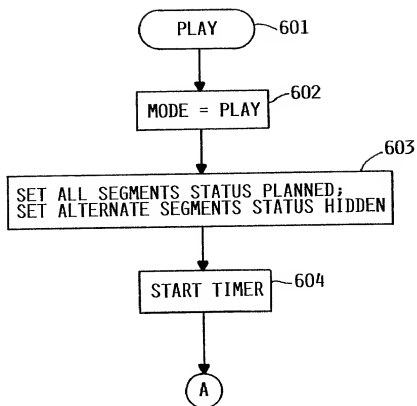


FIG. 6A

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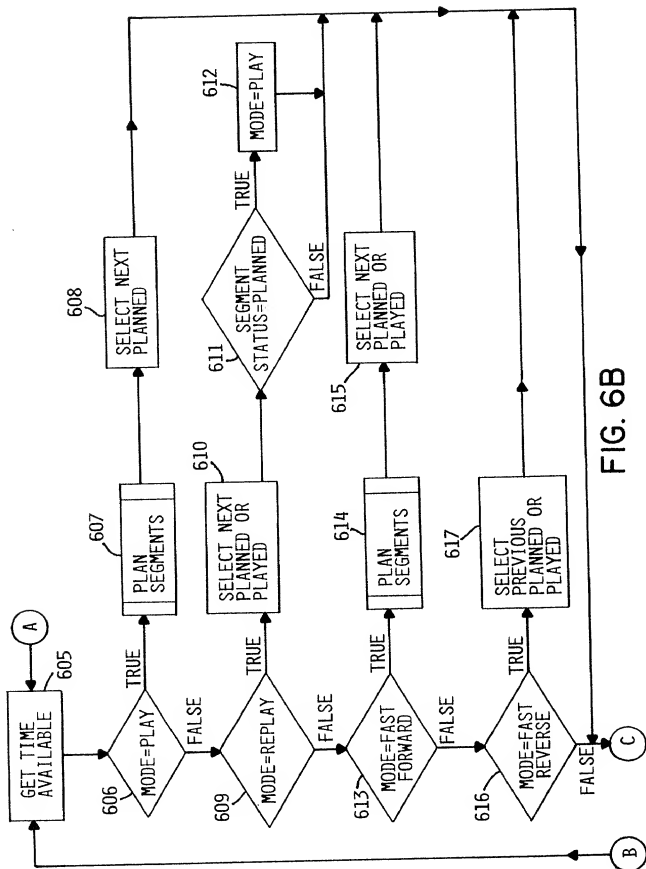


FIG. 6B

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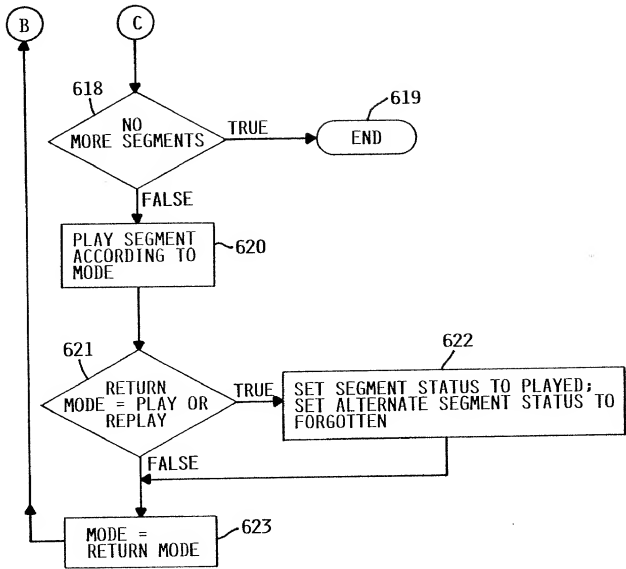


FIG. 6C